








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Dear Diamond Moose Permittees,

The following letter will document your meeting with Ingrid Drieling and Mark Bonner on April 16th, 2015 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) on the Diamond Moose C&H allotment for the 2015 grazing season. The authorized use for the Diamond Moose C&H

allotments for cattle with the , , , , LT and  brands will be as follows:

Permitted Use

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Number/Class</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Diamond Moose C&H	John Aldous Sr.	118 c/c	NTE 512	6/1-10/10
Diamond Moose C&H	John Aldous Jr.	118 c/c	NTE 512	6/1-10/10
		67 c/c	NTE 291	6/1-10/10
Diamond Moose C&H	William G. Slavin	84 c/c	NTE 337	6/11-10/10
Diamond Moose C&H	Linell Bills	85 c/c	NTE 239	6/1-10/10
Diamond Moose C&H	Carm-Ida Livestock	67	NTE 290	6/1-10/10
		161	NTE 699	6/1-10/10

Authorized Use and Rotation for the 2015 Grazing Season

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Aldous Sr. & Jr.	Leesburg Stage Rd/Canoe Basin ¹	236	349	6/1-7/15
Aldous Jr.	Deriar Creek (South)	67	99	6/1-7/15
Bills	Deriar Creek (North)	85	126	6/1-7/15
Carm-Ida	Wicham Area	228	105	6/1-6/14
Carm-Ida	Bird-Comet Creek	108	110	6/15-7/15
Carm-Ida	Dump Creek	120	122	6/15-7/15
Slavin	Bird-Comet Creek	84	97	6/11-7/15
All Permittees	Moose Creek ^{2&3}	700	2002	7/16-10/10

¹Livestock will be spread out between the two units.

²Livestock will be moved to the west side of the Moose Creek unit initially.

³All livestock will be off Napias Creek by 8/15.

Only livestock with the K, L, W, D, LT and S brands are authorized to graze on the Diamond Moose C&H allotment. The Annual Operating Instructions are made part of your Term Grazing Permit as per Part 2, Item 8(a) of the General Provisions and Regulations.

Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. Dates listed in the authorized use section may vary based on management needs or range readiness and proper use standards. **If changing unit move dates becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact Tina Ruffing, the Rangeland Management Specialist assigned to your allotment, and obtain approval before initiating changes of deviating from these instructions.** Changes can be made based on resource objectives, provided the changes are first approved and documented by an authorized officer. Any extension of use beyond the permitted dates will not be authorized.

Allowable Use

The allowable use standards for the Diamond Moose C&H are listed below. It is your responsibility to be aware and recognize utilization and alteration standards. You must move your livestock to the next unit planned, or off the allotment, when those standards have been met. If you need assistance determining utilization levels please contact Tina and she will assist you. **Once cattle are removed from a unit in accordance with use standards and unit scheduling, they are not allowed to return. Please ensure you clean all livestock from your units.** The Forest Service is responsible for monitoring your compliance with allowable use standards. Monitoring typically occurs within two weeks of your unit move date. Please contact Tina if you would like to join range personnel when monitoring is done on your allotment.

Diamond Moose C&H

Riparian sites:

- The Leesburg Rd/Canoe Basin and Moose Creek units have a minimum stubble height of **4 inches** on the current year's growth of key riparian species.
- The Deriar (North & South), Wicham, and Bird-Comet Creek units have a maximum of **50%** use of the current annual growth of key shrubs (willow and alder).

Upland sites:

- All units have a maximum of **50%** use of current annual growth of key herbaceous species.

Actual Use and Improvement Maintenance Reports

Your accurate documentation of actual use and maintenance is vital to the yearly allotment record. Numbers, move dates, riding and photos are all items used to compile End of Year reports written by your Rangeland Management Specialist. These reports are submitted yearly to the service agencies and published on the web.

Actual use and range improvement maintenance forms have been included for you to complete and return within 30 days of your off date.

Range Improvements

Range improvements listed in Part 3 of your grazing permit **must** be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotment. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to discuss materials and supplies for any improvements that are in need of re-construction.

The following improvements for the Diamond Moose C&H Allotment were discussed in the meeting:

- Trough in Wicham needs replaced, you would like to replace it with a fiberglass trough.
- The Tendoy pipeline water development needs 3 troughs replaced - one on BLM and 2 on Forest.
- A short section of fence in Wallace Creek needs replaced. You requested 12 posts for braces and stays.
- Bird Creek trough needs replaced and will possibly take some backhoe work to make the new trough level. Please contact my office prior to doing the work on this trough.
- Bill and Jay would also like to look into constructing two new troughs and a drift fence in the Bird-Comet unit. Currently there is only one trough in the unit that lies in a draw. The new troughs would help distribute cattle onto the flats and utilize the forage more efficiently. Please contact Tina to set a date to GPS the possible locations of the troughs and water source this season.

General Management

All of the permits for the Diamond Moose permittees will expire December 31st, 2015. You will receive a letter toward the end of the grazing season with instructions regarding the documentation needed for renewing your Term Grazing Permit. Please be prompt in providing the documents requested.

The grazing fees for 2015 are the base rate of \$1.69 per head month. Payment of your grazing bill is due prior to your earliest turnout date.

The Salmon-Challis Travel Management Record of Decision was signed December 24, 2009. With the issuance of this decision, all roads and trails designated for motorized use are shown on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). Motor vehicle use maps may be obtained at any Salmon-Challis Ranger District office. As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal law or regulation. **Effective March 20th, 2015 the Salmon Challis National Forest requires a Vehicle Use Permit, signed by the District Ranger, for ALL closed roads or off road travel. This must be displayed in windshield for Trucks or carried on ATV's, UTV's and Motorcycles. Contact your Rangeland Management Specialist to obtain a Vehicle Use Permit for any closed road or off-road travel.**

Approval of requests for personal convenience and resource protection nonuse is not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Requests for non-use must be done in writing and the approval of a request for non-use must be in writing by the authorized officer. Full or partial permittee convenience nonuse may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten year period.

Dead livestock must be moved at least 100 yards from water, roads, and trails.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water sources and in areas lightly grazed to encourage an even distribution of utilization on the range.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. We have implemented a Noxious Weed Free Hay order on our Forest. This will require any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds.

If you spot a wild fire, report it immediately to the Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Salmon, ID at (208) 756-5157.

If you have any questions regarding any of the allotments for which you have permits, please call Tina Ruffing at (208) 756-5226 or myself at (208) 756-5247.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jay T. Winfield

JAY WINFIELD
District Ranger

cc: John Aldous Sr., John Aldous Jr., Jay Smith and Carm-Ida Livestock

Encl: Improvement Maintenance and Actual Use Records